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MEMORANDUM FOR: Associate Deputy Director for Intelligence

SUBJECT : Request to Participate in a Brazil Seminar at
the University of South Carolina

1. Permission is requested to participate in a seminar on Brazil which will be held at the University of South Carolina in late March or early April. The seminar will be arranged by Professor Morris Blachman. At the seminar I will present a summary of work I am now engaged in on the methodology of studying the phenomena of modernization and an application of that methodology to modernization in Brazil. This work should eventually result in an OPR paper. A brief outline of the paper is attached.

2. Through participation in this seminar I expect to receive a useful scholarly critique of the approach to the study of modernization I am working on as part of my assignment in OPR. My presentation will be based exclusively on unclassified materials and I will avoid discussing issues related to U.S. foreign policy which might be considered controversial.

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3. Professor Blachman has been a close friend of mine since 1970. He knows me as [REDACTED]

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My paper is on the subject of the political implications of modernization in Brazil. The first section of the paper will attempt to examine the process of modernization in countries approximately at the mid-point of development. The goals that most leadership elites strive for will be looked at, as will the factors that seem to shape modernization strategies. Additionally, the general requirements for successful modernization and associated key problem areas will be analysed, primarily with Latin America in mind, but hopefully with applicability to the rest of the developed world.

The second section will deal with Brazil's strategy for modernization under the military regime that has controlled it for the last ten years. The regime's strategy for transforming Brazil into a world power and in the process, for perpetuating its own social, economic and political values will be examined both to understand the rationale behind the strategy and to judge its likelihood of success or failure.

The final section of the paper will concern the implications for the US of Brazil's quest for modernization and, in more general terms, the growing importance of the politics of modernization world-wide to US foreign policy.

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